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PART V. SOUTH WEST ASIA, NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Section 4 - Cyprus

(submitted by the High Commissioner)

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V.4 CYPRUS

1. Beneficiary population

1. At the request of the Secretary-General, UNHCR has continued its role of coordinating the United Nations Humanitarian Programme of Assistance for Cyprus, which has provided assistance to persons uprooted and displaced within the island since the events of 1974. At the further request of the Government of Cyprus, contributions to this programme are channelled through UNHCR. Within this framework and as from 1981, some 265,000 displaced persons have been assisted through UNHCR under an annual grant of $ 10 million from the Government of the United States of America. In addition, at December 1994, Cyprus hosted 66 refugees, mainly from the former Yugoslavia and the Middle East.

2. Developments in 1994 and 1995

2. In 1994, the implementation of bi-communal projects for displaced Cypriots was delayed by the political developments in the country.

3. Despite UNHCR's efforts to bring the programme back into its regular cycle, the delays encountered in previous years are still having an adverse effect on the implementation of the 1995 programme.

4. UNHCR and USAID have agreed jointly that a programme evaluation will be carried out by an independent firm. The results will be used to assess the general impact of projects, whether these projects are implemented within the specified time period, and whether they facilitate and stimulate bi-communal economies, social development and interaction.

3. 1996 country programmes

(a) Objectives

(i) Refugees of various nationalities

5. UNHCR will continue providing international protection and assistance to needy and vulnerable refugees. Efforts to further institutionalize arrangements for obtaining work permits for refugees and for persons of concern who have been given temporary permits to stay in Cyprus pending their resettlement will also continue. The employment of female members of refugee families and day-care arrangements for children are being explored in 1995.

6. Following the successful Second Seminar on Refugee Law (Nicosia, 26 to 27 January 1995) UNHCR Cyprus will continue to promote a wider understanding of international instruments, particularly the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol.

(ii) Internally displaced population

7. UNHCR will continue its coordination role for displaced persons by expanding bi-communal projects and by strengthening the relationship between the

two communities. This will be achieved through bi-communal training and the sharing of expertise between the two communities.

(b) Proposed budget for 1996

(i) General Programmes

8. **Care and maintenance**: Because of the granting of work permits to some recognized refugees by the Government, care and maintenance expenditures decreased in 1995. It is expected that this trend will continue in 1996, with the granting of additional work permits and the identification of new employment opportunities for refugees temporarily residing in Cyprus.

(ii) Special Programmes

9. **Internally displaced persons**: In 1996, the initial allocation represents an amount equivalent to the anticipated grant from the United States Government. Bi-communal activities will be pursued through sharing of expertise and technical training and seminars addressing common needs of both communities. They will cover various sectors such as health, forestry, and pest control, sanitation, the environment, education and social activities. Large-scale projects such as the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, the Scientific Laboratory Centre, the Nicosia Sewerage Scheme, and the rehabilitation of historically significant architecture will be developed or completed. The role and participation of women in all the bi-communal activities will be given special emphasis.

(c) Implementing partners

10. UNHCR directly implements the care and maintenance programme for the refugee population in Cyprus. In addition, the Government of Cyprus provides free medical care and education to refugee children.

11. The Cyprus Red Cross Society is the implementing partner of UNHCR in providing multi-purpose assistance under the Humanitarian Programme of Assistance that benefits internally displaced persons in Cyprus. Close links are maintained with UNDP, the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) and the Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General.

(d) Programme Delivery and Administrative Support Costs

12. Variations due to changes in budget parameters are not discussed in the subsequent analysis (Overview of UNHCR Activities, Part I (A/AC.96/845) refers).

(i) 1994 expenditures (all sources of funds)

13. The 1994 expenditure was not significantly different from the revised estimates.

(ii) Revised 1995 requirements (all sources of funds)

14. The revised 1995 requirements are higher than initial estimates due to an increase in the salaries of international and local staff, the purchase of one office vehicle, and the continuing upgrading of computer equipment.

(iii) Initial 1996 requirements (all sources of funds)

15. The 1996 Programme Delivery and Administrative Support requirements are not significantly different from 1995 levels. All existing posts have been extended until 31 December 1996. Provision has also been made for the upgrading of office equipment, including a replacement vehicle.

UNHCR EXPENDITURE IN CYPRUS

(in thousands of United States dollars)

1994	1995		1996	
AMOUNT OBLIGATED	ALLOCATION APPROVED BY 1994 EXCOM	PROPOSED REVISED ALLOCATION	SOURCE OF FUNDS AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	PROPOSED ALLOCATION/ PROJECTION
GENERAL PROGRAMMES (1)				
44.5	58.4	45.0	CARE AND MAINTENANCE	45.0
1.3 a/	–	–	RESETTLEMENT	–
45.8	58.4	45.0	SUB–TOTAL OPERATIONS	45.0
45.8	58.4	45.0	T O T A L (1)	45.0
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES (2)				
4.0	–	–	EDUCATION ACCOUNT	–
1.6	–	–	OTHER TRUST FUNDS	–
12177.6	9,450.0	9,327.0	HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN CYPRUS	9,215.0
372.6	375.5	426.6	PROGRAMME DELIVERY See Overview Tables (Part II)	417.8
89.0	102.2	117.3	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT See Overview Tables (Part II)	114.4
12,644.8	9,927.7	9,870.9	T O T A L (2)	9,747.2
12,690.6	9,986.1	9,915.9	GRAND TOTAL (1+2)	9,792.2

a/ obligation incurred against Other Programmes